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SERVING THE LEHIGH VALLEY'S GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY SINCE 1998!

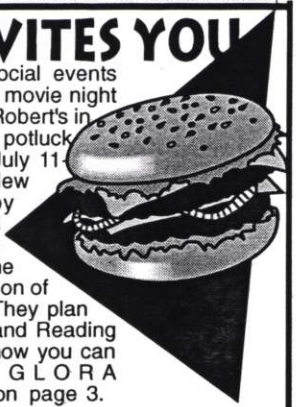
OH CANADA

SAME-SEX MARRIAGES LEGAL IN NORTH AMERICA CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES NOT TO FIGHT COURT DECISION.

The Canadian courts confirmed June 10, 2003, that the Country must allow same-sex marriage recognition. The Canadian definition of marriage has been changed to, "The union of two people, forsaking all others." Officials in Toronto, responded to the ruling by issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples immediately.

The Canadian government announced on June 17, there will be no appeal of the Canadian court decision which legalized same-sex marriages. An appeal had been the only potential obstacle to fully legal same-sex marriage. The announcement was made by Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

GLORA INVITES YOU



...to several upcoming social events including: June 28, Men's movie night and potluck at Steve and Robert's in Allentown. June 29: A potluck picnic in Schwenksville. July 11-13: A camping trip in New Milford cosponsored by MCC. July 19: backyard cookout at Liz and Trish's in Allentown. GLORA is the Gay & Lesbian Organization of Reading and Allentown. They plan social events for the LV and Reading GLBT community. See how you can participate in GLORA on page 3.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH INVITES YOU TO:

A "SUNDAE" SOCIAL

MCCLV will host a "Sundae Social" 7-9 p.m. at the church - visit the church for a tours & ice cream on June 22, the day of the Pride Festival. MCC will not hold its regular evening service on Pride Day.

DON'T SAY THERE'S NOTHIN' TO DO

YOU'RE INVITED TO ALL SORTS OF LOCAL GLBT EVENTS!!!

PFLAG INVITES YOU

TO THE ANNUAL PFLAG PICNIC

Area organizations of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will be holding their annual picnic, Saturday, July 12 from 1 - 6PM at the home of Tim & Carol Chadwick in Fleetwood. All members of the GLBTA community are invited. PFLAG will be cooking burgers and hot dogs and supplying drinks. Bring your favorite dish to share. And bring your bathing suit. Please contact Tim at tczappafan@aol.com or call the PFLAG hotline: 610-967-5219 for directions and to RSVP.

NEW GLBT COMMUNITY CALENDAR ON LINE

A new GLBT community calendar can be seen on-line at http://calendar.yahoo.com/gloss .The calendar, which contains information about all sorts of things happening in the Lehigh Valley, is brought to the community by GLOSS -- the Gay and Lesbian Organized Sports Society. It is a terrific resource. Thanks GLOSS guys for keeping us up to date daily!

INTEGRITY INVITES YOU

to it's next two gatherings; on June 27 & October 25. Integrity Bethlehem is a local chapter of the national organization of GLBTA Episcopalians. For full information: see page 4.

HAVEN INVITES YOU

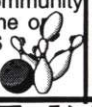
its Wednesday evening meetings at UUCLV if you are a GLBT youth aged 14 - 20. For more on Haven, see page 4.

BARNES & NOBLE GLBT BOOKCLUB INVITES YOU

to their meetings at the Whitehall store, third Tuesdays of the month. For full information see page 3.

GLOSS INVITES YOU

to GLOSS Bowling Night on August 15. See the GLBT Community Calendar on line or call the GLOSS hotline at: 610-434-2966



FACT INVITES YOU

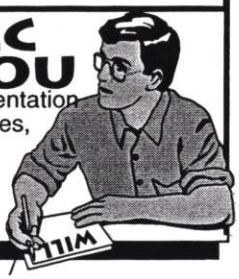
to FACT's Picnic at South Mountain Grove, on July 27. Held under South Mountain Grove's large pavilion, there will be music and games of chance. Food, soda and beer provided. Rain or shine. As always, all money raised goes to people affected or infected with HIV/AIDS. For more information on this and any upcoming events go to FACT's web site at FACTLV.org.

LOCAL GLBT PARENTING GROUP INVITES YOU

If you are a gay or lesbian parent interested in attending fun outings with your children, join the local gay parenting group. This informal group meets at each other's homes for family pool parties, easter egg hunts, Halloween parties, Santa train rides, and pot luck meals. Children range in ages from infants to teenagers. If interested, call 610-262-2519 for more information.

VFP & MCC INVITES YOU

to a free estate planning presentation for GLBT individuals and families, at MCCLV on August 7. The presentation will be made by attorney Jerry Snyder. For full details read page 7.



PLANET Parenthood

by Carolyn Lewis ©

CELEBRATION AND RITUAL are a tremendous part of our culture. Indeed, they are a part of all cultures in one way or another. Moreover, many cultures have ways to celebrate the union of couples and families. The LGBT community is no different. In fact, civil unions and commitment ceremonies are becoming increasingly popular as couples look for ways to demonstrate their love for each other in a public, shared, and sanctioned way. These rituals are not just important to adults, but they are critical to children.

Kids take comfort in the peace and joy in traditional ceremonies. They eagerly await Santa Claus, who comes every Christmas Eve, well past the age when they no longer "believe." They put their teeth under their pillows, certain that the tooth fairy will come, take the tooth, and leave a dollar. Maybe an important ritual for your family is waffles every Sunday, or game night on Friday, or spaghetti dinner at Grandma's. However you choose to celebrate family, I'm willing to bet it is very important to your kids, whether or not they will admit it. Marking the joining of two families, or bringing another adult into an existing family in a ceremonial way can be a momentous occasion for your children. They may not communicate this to you, but in this age of ritual and celebration, it is likely to be something that they crave.

Our kids have been asking for us to get "married" for a while now. We have explained what marriage is, and what are its limitations, but they don't care. They want ceremony. They want a public declaration of our commitment to each other. They want to feel a part of a larger unit that can only come through a ritualized union. And they want a little pomp and circumstance. So, we have come up with a compromise. We are not getting "married," but we do feel it's important to have a family union where we celebrate all we are, all we have been, and all the parts that have come together to make us whole. We haven't figured out all of the details yet, but the kids already have some wonderful ideas that we will incorporate.

I'm sure that many of you have come up with creative ways to ritualize the coming together of your families. I'd love to hear from you to get your ideas and pass them on to others who would also like to have a family union. You can send your comments me either through the VFP or at ladybugcbl@aol.com.

SENATOR SPECTOR TOWN MEETING

On Monday, June 30 @ 9:30AM, Senator Arlen Spector is holding a "Town Meeting." The Town Meeting will be held at the Lehigh County Government Center at 17 S. 7th Street in Allentown. All are welcome to attend.

PFLAG MEETING TIMES

PFLAG LV (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets monthly at Allentown's First Presbyterian Church (Cedar Crest Blvd. and Tilghman Sts.) on first Tuesdays. at 7:00 pm., Rm 115. Contact: pflag@fast.net or (610) 967-5219 for information. There are also PFLAG meetings in Reading, Pottsville & Monroe County: See page 4 for meeting dates.

FOR LEGAL INFO ON 2ND PARENT ADOPTION

...or if your lawyer has questions call The Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights in Philadelphia toll free at 1-866-LGBT-LAW.

Valley Free Press does not discriminate on the basises listed in the anti-discrimination statement on page 8 , and asks that organizations or individuals which request VFP to publish information about their events maintain a similar policy.

RAGS TO RICHES TAKE THE FIRST STEP

by Denise McKelvey©

Dear Denise, My partner and I had started a portfolio about 4 years ago. We use Money Magazine as our primary source of information. Obviously, due to the terrible market, we are considering working with a financial person. What should we be looking for, before we hire someone? **Signed, Feeling Blue**

Dear Feeling Blue, First, determine what type of advice you are looking for. You can then determine how you want to pay for it. A money manager could be paid on commissions generated when you make a transaction. Just like a stockbroker. You probably will not receive any advice on ownership of assets, distributions to heirs, estate planning, etc.

Second, in a "fee-only" arrangement, you may pay the advisor strictly by the hour. Here, you are buying only the advisor's experience and expertise - and of course their time. Take into consideration the advisor's level of expertise, when dealing with gay or lesbian partnerships.

Third, your money manager may be paid according to the growth or shrinkage of your portfolio, say one-quarter of 1 percent every calendar quarter. If your portfolio appreciates, so does your advisor's fee (and vice versa).

Each of these forms of compensation gives the advisor some sort of incentive to do what is best for you. Some advisors use a combination of hourly fees and commissions. Advisors should be offering YOU the choice. Whatever arrangement you prefer, any top-notch advisor will be glad to discuss this compensation topic with you quite candidly. Seek an advisor who is willing to be open with you. One who asks probing questions about your needs and who understands what type of advice you are looking for. Set your expectations at the first visit.

There are more dimensions to compensation than you might think. The financial industry is basically a sales business, and sales people are given incentives to sell. An advisor may not volunteer the information that he or she is eligible for a free trip to Hawaii for selling a certain volume of a particular product. If that is the case, wouldn't you want to know about it? Ask questions about certain products being recommended and why should you invest in a particular product? Understand the fees and the surrender charges. Finally, work with someone you both feel comfortable with. Establish a relationship to determine if your best interests are being served.

Denise McKelvey is a Financial Advisor for American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. located at 5000 Tilghman Street Suite 157 Allentown PA 18104. Please mail or forward your questions via e-mail at denise.m.mckelvey@aexp.com. This advice may not be suitable for your particular situation.

PHILLY BOY SCOUTS OUST YOUTH IN OPPOSITION TO OWN POLICY

One week after its non-discrimination policy was made public, the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America has officially ousted 18-year-old Scout Gregory Lattera and apparently fired him from the summer camp job he has held for the past three years for publicly revealing his sexual orientation. The Cradle of Liberty Council had originally adopted a non-discrimination policy to receive funding from the United Way.

In a letter dated June 6, 2003, Scout Executive William T. Dwyer III told Lattera: "We have received information that has compelled us to revoke your registration. We therefore request that you sever any relationship you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed."

Within hours, Lattera called Dwyer to ask him for details about his expulsion. "He hung up on me as I was trying to get the rest of my questions out," Lattera reported. "He said, 'Well there ya go... you went and made your sexual orientation open. If you had just kept your mouth shut and been a good scout and employee you wouldn't have this problem.' I said 'I have a few more questions,' and Dywer said 'God bless you Greg' and hung up.

HOT NEWS

B&N GLBT BOOK CLUB

Barnes and Noble Gay and Lesbian book discussion group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, in the cafe at the store at 2590 MacArthur Road, Whitehall (610-821-7732). Please come and join the group for beverage and banter.....EVERYONE is welcome!

Tuesday, July 15 selection is:

"Pages for You" by Sylvia Brownrigg

In a steam-filled diner in a college town Flannery Johnson catches sight of something more beautiful than she has ever seen: a graduate student, reading. Flannery proves herself to be an eager pupil, whatever the subject!

Tuesday, August 19 selection is:

"Running with Scissors: A Memoir" by Augusten Burroughs. This is the true story of a boy whose mother gave him away to be raised by her psychiatrist, living in a dilapidated Victorian complete with a pedophile living in the backyard. And when things got dull there was always the vintage electro-shock therapy machine under the stairs...

GLORA

The Gay and Lesbian Organization of Reading and Allentown is a social group that holds various events in the community. See a list of some of GLORA's upcoming events on page 1.

GLORA encourages anyone who's willing to host or plan an event to contact the group. Events can be as simple as going to a movie, on a hike, or playing a round of miniature golf. For more information, directions, or if you would like to plan an event, please contact GLORA at GLORAINPA@aol.com or write: GLORA, PO Box 541, Bethlehem, PA 18016-0541.

GLSEN MEETINGS

The Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network meets the 2nd Monday of each month at Muhlenberg College, Seager's Student Union -rms 108-109. Contact info- Carol Barron, 610.867.6641 or lvdukefan@aol.com

19TH ST. FILM SCHEDULE

19th Street Theatre is located at 527 N. 19th St, Allentown. Movieline: 610-432-0888, for movie details. Upcoming movies:

Owning Mahowny -- June 22- June 29
City Of Ghousts -- June 28 -- July 12
The Heart of Me -- July 12 -- July 20
Winged Migration -- July 19 -- July 23
Spellbound -- July 23-- July 27
Man on the Train -- July 26 -- August 3
The Jazz Singer August 2& 3

AXEART PRESENTS PLAY AT MUHLENBERG

AxeArt Theatre will present the gay-themed play Beautiful Thing by Jonathan Harvey at Muhlenberg College's Trexeler Pavilion, August 25-30, as part of Diversity Programming on campus. Directed by John Moletress.

Set in a working-class housing project in Southeast London in 1991, two high school boys with less than ideal lives at home, find happiness in something they never expected. Performances are Monday, 8/25, and Tues. 8/26 @ 8pm. Wed. through Sat. 8/27 - 30 @ 10pm. Tickets: $15 (general admission), $12 (student/senior). Group rates are available for parties of 20 or over. To reserve tickets, call 212-353-6830, or email axearttheatre@yahoo.com

PUERTO RICAN PARADE IN ALLENTOWN

The 10th Annual Puerto Rican Parade & Festival, will be held in Allentown on July 27. The Parade will be from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. The Festival, which will be in Jordan Park will be from 12 noon until 7pm. Several local GLBT organizations plan to march in the parade at the invitation of the Puerto Rican Cultural Committee. For more information email: prculturalalliance@rcn.com.

BUCKS COUNTY FACT BINGO

Bucks County FACT Bingo is set for Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at the Eagle Fire House in New Hope, hosted by CONNIE! The theme for this bingo is, "Truckers, Tramps & Trailer Trash," so come dressed in your trampiest, trailer trash trucker outfits! Five bucks gets you in and four playing boards. There are Specials, 50/50's and the $500.00 jackpot for the last Special of the evening! Please note new times! Doors open at 6 PM. First game begins promptly at 7 PM!

GLORA & MCC CAMPING

When: Friday July 11 thru Sunday July 13. Where: Oneida Camp & Lodge, New Milford, PA - off Route 81. Cost: $40 per person. In what: Tents and pop-up trailers welcome (we don't know how big a trailer can get in there). Attractions: Swimming, Disco, hiking, relaxing, modern toilets and showers, fire rings, usually there is a Sat. evening show at the camp stage, and games (bring board games), singing and stories around the campfire. Food: Assignments will be shared. Please RSVP by July 7 (max 20 persons) <steven.olofson@verizon.net>

STEVIE Z SCHEDULE

The Fabulous Stevie Z will be appearing at the Mooselounge (Stonewall) on the following Fridays - July 11, August 15 and Sept. 12 from 9PM-Midnite. There is a $5 cover charge. Come hear Stevie tickle the ivories, sing along and meet new friends - all here in Allentown! Half of all tips are donated to area agencies to make our community stronger.

INTEGRITY E-ZINE

Integrity - Bethlehem is now producing an e-newsletter. For information on receiving the Integrity E-Zine contact <gamba.guy @verizon.net>.

PRIDE BYLAWS MEETING

The Pride of the Lehigh Valley Bylaws Steering Committee will meet Thursday, July 24 from 7 - 9pm in the FACT office located at 245 N. 12th Street in Allentown, PA. (next to Candida's).

NEW LOCAL COMPUTER MANUFACTURER

There is a new gay owned and operated computer manufacturer in the Lehigh Valley, <http://www.angelbuilt.com>. The company is owned by Dan Angelis and Mike Rumsey. Contact information is available via the web site.

BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

Dr. Robert Roush has just released his new book, "Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Clinic Design," "This book works toward eliminating 'camps' in heath care, seeking to establish treatment that has more to do with the patient than promoting one brand of medicine or a singular view of good health." Says Ken Levin, Medical Director of College Heights Imaging.

The book is available at 7 Senses Health Center, 960 Broadway, Fountain Hill, PA. Price: $24.95 soft- cover $39.95 hard-cover. Come in and chat with the author, evenings 5:00- 8:00 p.m.

G.E. TO GIVE BENEFITS

General Electric Co., one of the nation's largest and oldest manufacturing and financial services companies and the owner of the NBC television network, has announced that the company's new union contracts include health care coverage for employees' same-sex domestic partners. The benefits would extend to all GE employees in the United States, pending ratification of the contracts. The Financial Times named GE the world's most-respected company. "Almost 40 percent of the Fortune 500 now offer these benefits, up from just 17 percent at the beginning of 2000," said Daryl Herrschaft of HRC.

CALENDAR 4

ACCO-A Chorus Celebrating Women,
AIDS Outreach-112 N. 5th St. Allentown, PA 610.435.8424
AIDSWALK- AIDSWALK Lehigh Valley - 610.974.8701 www.regiononline.com/lvaids
ASC- AIDS Service Center 610.974.8701
BMA- Bucks/Montgomery Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Concerns 215-529-0360
B&N- Barnes and Noble Gay&Lesbian Book Club, White Hall store, Monthly, 7:00pm
BEARS.-1st Saturdays Monthly, 8pm, at the Stonewall, Moose Lounge 610-814-6916, Mtnbear@fast.net.
CIVIC and 19th St. Theatre, 527 N 19th St, 610-432-8943, <.civictheater,com>
Enigma Players--qacres@prolog.net
equal@agere- email: equal@agere.com
FACT- Fighting AIDS Continuously Together 610.820.5519
GLEE at Air Products
GLISN- at Dun & Bradstreet, <vagranthollow.com/GLISN/>
GLORA- Gay and Lesbian Organization of Reading and Allentown (Social gatherings, various dates) Newsletter- The Tassle. Write to: GLORA, PO Box 541, Bethlehem, PA 18016-0541, email- GLORAinPA@AOL.COM
GLOSS - Gay and Lesbian Organized Sports Society, P.O.Box 21862 Lehigh Valley, PA 18002 610.434.2966.
GLOW- at PPL
GLSEN-Gay, Lesbian, Straight, Education Network, 610-867-6641, csbarron21@aol.com Meetings, at 7:00 pm in rooms 108-109 of the Seeger Student Union, Muhlenberg College
GMLV- Gay Men of the Lehigh Valley, 2nd Saturdays Monthly 7pm, 610-709-8800
HAVEN GLBT Youth Group of the UUC LV - call:610-868-2153, email: havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com or zinnes@fast.net
HMFF-Hope Ministry Family Fellowship, Sundays, 11 am, Open Space Gallery, 931 Hamilton St. 610-791-0716
Integrity- Lesbian & Gay Episcopalians Family & Friends meets quarterly. 610-758-8642 gamba.guy@verizon.net"
KS-Kindred Spirits- Support, discussion, and social group for lesbians and bisexual women Contact : Chris at 610-868-0248, or Donna at 610.997.00607
LVGMC -Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus, email:info@lvmgc.org, <www.lvgmc.org> 610-366-3320, rehearsals: Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem
MCC - Metropolitian Community Church, Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S. 12th Street, Allentown Services: 10:30am & 6pm, mcclehigh valley@ yahoo.com, http://www.mcclv.org 610-709-8800
NCC- Northampton Community College GLB Student Union, 610.861.5541(#1386) or 882-2531
19th St/Civic Theatre - 610.432.8943
Out There- Students at Cedar Crest College
OVOM- LV Documentary Film Org.
PA-GALA - PA Gay And Lesbian Alliance for Political Action, (Candidate Info Booklet, & Political Lobbying) For membership: send $20 to: P.O.Box 20825 Lehigh Valley 18002 610.432.5449 pa-gala.org
PARENTS- GLBT parent's group: 610-262-2519
PFLAG - LV Parents Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 1st Tues. 1st Pres. Church Allentown 610.967.5219 <HTTP://www.eastern-pa-pflag.org/>
Pride - Pride of the Lehigh Valley, (Pride Festival) 610.770.6200, email: <lvpride@hotmail.com>, <www.pridelv.org>
QuEST - Student group at Lafayette College Farion Center Box 429 Easton, PA,

JUNE 2003 GLBT PRIDE MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HMFF UUCLV GLOSS MCC	2 RAA GLSEN	3 LV PFLAG LVGMC GLOSS	4 HAVEN PFLAG M MCC yoga	5 TO artist RAA GLOSS ACCO	6 7Senses School For Scandal →	7 GAY MEN'S CHORUS CONCERT
8 School For Scandal UUCLV GLOSS MCC	RAA GLSEN	10 LVGMC School For Scandal GLOSS	11 HAVEN School For Scandal MCC yoga	12 School For Scandal RAA ACCO GLOSS	13 ACCO KS StevieZ	14 GLOSS WDIY
15 HMFF UUCLV MCC GLOSS SPARC	16 RAA	17 SPARC GLOSS LVGMC B&N BOOKCLUB	18 HAVEN MCC WALKING	19 ACCO PFLAG P RAA GLOSS	20 KS	21 MCC WDIY Play GLOSS
LV PRIDE FESTIVAL LV PRIDE PARADE MCC Social	23 RAA	24 LVGMC GLOSS	25 HAVEN MCC WALKING	26 ACCO GLOSS RAA	27 Integrity KS	28 GLORA GLOSS WDIY
29 GLORA MCC to NYC PRIDE PARADE	30 RAA Spector					

JULY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 GLOSS LVGMC LV PFLAG	2 HAVEN PFLAG M	3 RAA	4	5 WDIY 7Senses BEARS GLOSS
6 WDIY HMFF UUCLV MCC	7 RAA OVOM AUDITIONS	8 GLOSS MCC LVGMC	9 HAVEN MCC WALKING	10 GLOSS RAA	11 GLORA KS Camping StevieZ	12 MCC WDIY PFLAG PICNIC GLOSS
13 WDIY HMFF UUCLV MCC	14 RAA	15 LVGMC GLOSS PFLAG R B&N BOOKCLUB	16 HAVEN	17 RAA GLOSS PFLAG P	18 KS StevieZ	19 WDIY GLOSS GLORA COOKOUT
20 MCC WDIY HMFF	21 MCC RAA	22 GLOSS LVGMC MCC	23 HAVEN MCC WALKING	24 RAA GLOSS PRIDE BYLAWS	25 KS	26 WDIY GLOSS MCC PICNIC
27 FACT WDIY MCC HMFF P. R. PARADE	28 RAA	29 GLOSS LVGMC	30 HAVEN MCC WALKING	31 RAA GLOSS		

AUGUST 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 WDIY BEARS GLOSS
3 HMFF UUCLV MCC GLOSS	4 RAA	5 LVGMC GLOSS LV PFLAG	6 HAVEN PFLAG M MCC WALKING	7 VFP &MCC ESTATE PLANNING	8 KS	9 WDIY GLOSS
10 MCC UUCLV GLOSS	11 RAA GLSEN	12 GLOSS LVGMC	13 MCC WALKING HAVEN	14 ACCO RAA GLOSS	15 StevieZ KS GLOSS BOWLING	16 WDIY GLOSS
17 MFF UUCLV GLOSS	18 RAA	19 PFLAG R B&N BOOKCLUB	20 HAVEN MCC WALKING	21 ACCO RAA GLOSS	22 KS	23 GLOSS WDIY
24 HMFF 31 UUCLV MCC GLOSS	25 RAA	26 MCC LVGMC GLOSS	27 MCC WALKING HAVEN	28 RAA GLOSS ACCO	29 KS	30 GLOSS WDIY

AXEART THEATRE PLAY AT MUHLENBERG COLLEGE-------->

Quakers-Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting-Route 512 1/2 mi. North of Rte 22 Bethlehem, PA. Worship at 9:30 am. (610)691-3411.
RAA- Rainbow AA meetings, Mon. & Thurs. Episcopal Church, 16th & Turner Atown.
Ren- Renaissance Transgendered Assoc., P.O.Box 157 Trexlertown 18087 - 610-814-0530/0531
Rainbow Space - Muhlenberg College Organization 610.821.3244
Reading P-FLAG- 610.488.7533or 670.8029
Safe Space- At Lehigh U. 610.758.5973
Saint John's Lutheran Church- A welcoming, gay affirming church, 32 S. 5th st. Allentown 610.435.1587
Softball-(Women's) call Diamonz, 610.865.1028
Spectrum- at Lehigh Univ., 610.758.5973
T.O. - Theatre Outlet-29 Nth 9th St, Allentown, 610-820-9270.
Unity-26 N. 3rd St. Emmaus, 767-4417
UUCLV - Unitarian Universalist Church LV, 424 Center St., Bethlehem, 18018 610.866.7652.
VFP - Valley Free Press, 610.432.5449, liztrish@aol.com
VYH - Valley Youth House for emotionally troubled GLBT youth 610.432.6481
WDIY - WDIY - 88.1 fm 93.9 fm Saturday 7:00 pm This Way Out, Assorted Women 7:30 pm. 610-694-8100.88.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

GLBT YOUTH GROUP
HAVEN - WEDNESDAYS
LV BEARS - 1ST SATURDAYS
GAY MEN-LV - 2ND SATURDAYS
LV PFLAG - 1ST TUESDAYS
MONROE PFLAG - 1ST THURSDAYS
READING - PFLAG 3RD TUESDAYS
POTTSVILLE PFLAG
- 3RD THURSDAYS
GLOSS VOLLEYBALL -TUESDAYS
GLOSS TENNIS - SUNDAYS
GLOSS RACQUETBALL -TUES & SATS
MCC BOOK STUDY 2ND & 4TH TUES
KINDRED SPIRITS
- ALL FRIDAYS EXCEPT THE 1ST

JUNE 22 - LV PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL
JUNE 22 - INTERFAITH SERVICE
JUNE 22 - SUNDAE SOCIAL @ MCC
JUNE 27 - INTEGRITY BETHLEHEM
JUNE 28 - GLORA MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT
JUNE 29 - MCC TO NYC PRIDE
JUNE 29 - GLORA POTLUCK
JUNE 30 - SPECTOR TOWN MTG
JULY 1 -PFLAG -LV ALLENTOWN
JULY 2 -PFLAG-MONROE
JULY 5 - LABYRINTH WALK 7 SENSES
JULY 6-8 OVOM AUDITIONS
JULY 11-13 GLORA/MCC CAMPING
JULY 11 - STEVIE Z @ MOOSELOUNGE
JULY 12 - PFLAG PICNIC
JULY 15 - B&N GLBT BOOKCLUB
JULY 19 - GLORA COOKOUT
JULY 24 - PRIDE BYLAWS MTG
JULY 26 - MCC @ BLUE MARSH LAKE
JULY 27 - FACT PICNIC
JULY 27 - PUERTO RICAN PARADE
AUG 7 - VFP/MCC ESTATE PLANNING
AUG 15 - GLOSS BOWLING
AUG 15 - STEVIE Z @ MOOSELOUNGE
AUG 19 - B&N GLBT BOOKCLUB
AUG 25-30 - AXEART PLAY
SEPT 12 - STEVIE Z @ MOOSELOUNGE

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE CALL TO CONFIRM!
TO POST INFO: 610-432-5449 EMAIL: LIZTRISH@AOL.COM

WALK WITH MCC

Beginning Wednesday, June 18, "Wednesday Walkers," begins at MCCLV. Meet in front of the church every Wednesday at 7 p.m. to walk in the church neighborhood.

MCCLV AT BLUE MARSH LAKE

Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m. - 'til dusk. Meet at the lake - bring sunscreen and liquids! Blue Marsh has nature trails, swimming, boating, fishing and biking. Concession stand available for lunch and snacks. $3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. For more information about the park, check their website:http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/sb/bm_guide.htm

MCC BUS TRIP TO NYC PRIDE

The MCCLV Fellowship Team will be chartering a bus to New York City for the Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29. The bus will depart from the church at 1901 S. 12th Street, Allentown at 9am and will later depart from New York City at 8pm to return to the LV. The ticket price is $20.00 per person. For more information contact MCCLV at 610-709-8800.

MORE FOR OVOM FUNDRAISER

Add the WWF (the Rock, Sone Cold Steve Austin, etc), R.E.M., Sir Ian McKellen, Dionne Warwick, Debbie Reynolds, Denzel Washington, Jimmy Buffet, Caroline Kennedy, Cloris Leachman, Sean Penn, Jim Davis, Patti LaBelle to the previous list of contibutors to One Vision, One Mission's celebrity auction to be held in September. Shawn Mazzatta is still collecting autographs and memorabilia. Suggestions/donations can be made by contacting Shawn at smazzatta@aol.com

COALITION ACHIEVES SUCCESS

Nancy Stevens, a 17-year veteran Corrections Officer at Carbon County Prison, was suspended after beginning her transition from male to female. The National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC), Pride at Work, the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) and her Union the International Brotherhood of Teamsters worked together to fight for her right to work.

James McGregor Halleman, a member of the NTAC Board of Directors, provided Stevens with information and assistance at the local level. Determining that the Teamsters union local is located in Allentown, he armed Stevens with a copy of Allentown's transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination ordinance. Halleman worked with PA-GALA last year to pass and retain the Allentown ordinance.

The President of Allentown-based Teamsters Union Local 773 supported Stevens' right to work. Following a meeting on May 13, the county advised Stevens she was reinstated and that she could return to work in her new gender identity.

STEVE LIBBY FROM OVOM SAYS

Calling all hets, gays, bi's, guys, gals, teens, twinks, dancers, drag queens kings, trans, hunks, fems, dykes, etc. Casting call for Chicago 1927. We need 25 -- 30 people to perform 12 songs from the soundtrack. Auditions will be at Diamonz in Bethlehem on July 6-8 from 6-10pm. Performances will be August 21-24 at Diamonz. Directed by Stephen Libby and choreographed by Nick Lazor, the shows will benefit One Vision, One Mission Productions with a portion of the cover being donated to HAVEN. See our booth at PrideFest to sign up or email STL327@hotmail.com We also need people to help with sets and the shows.

RANTS & RAVES BY STEPHEN T. LIBBY

Hans Christian Anderson, Jane Addams, Alexander the Great, Pedro Almodovar, Susan B. Anthony, Aristotle, Howard Ashman, Joan Baez, Tallulah Bankhead, James Baldwin, Leonard Bernstein, Kate Bornstein, Rita Mae Brown, William Burroughs, Simon Callow, Truman Capote, Michelangelo, Willa Cather, Catherine the Great, Chopin, Montgomery Clift, Jean Cocteau, Noel Coward, Quentin Crisp, Vasco da Gama, James Dean, Ellen DeGeneres, Emily Dickinson, Marlene Dietrich, Christian Dior, Isadora Duncan, Edward II, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Reed Erickson, Melissa Etheridge, Leslie Feinberg, E.M. Forster, Barney Frank, Greta Garbo, Sir John Gielgud, Allen Ginsberg, Marguetite Radclyffe Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Keith Haring, Randy Harrison, Harry Hay, Billie Holiday, Judy Holliday, Libby Holman, Rock Hudson, Janis Ian, Christopher Isherwood, William Inge, Henry James, Elton John, Janis Joplin, Christine Jorgenson, Pope Julius III, Frida Khalo, Jack Kerouac, Billie Jean King, Dave Kopay, Larry Kramer, Marquis de Lafayette, Nathan Lane, k.d.lang, Leonardo de Vinci, Liberace, Paul Lynde, Phyllis Lyon, Ian McKellen, Jackie "moms" Mabley, Robert Mapplethorpe, Johnny Mathis, Armistead Maupin, Margaret Mead, Harvey Milk, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Sal Mineo, Martina Navratilova, Charles Nelson Reilly, Nero, Sir Isaac Newton, Florence Nightingale, Rudolph Nureyev, Georgia O'Keeffe, Louise Pearce, Picasso, Plato, Cole Porter, "Ma" Rainey, Eleanor Roosevelt, Vito Russo, George Sand, Sappho, William Shakespeare, Bessie Smith, Socrates, Sophocles, Gertrude Stein, Igor Stravinsky, Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, Brandon Teena, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Octave Thanet, Alice B. Toklas, Alan Turing, Andy Warhol, Ethel Waters, Bruce Weber, Walt Whitman, Oscar Wilde, Tennessee Williams, Charlotte Wolff, Thelma Wood, Virginia Woolf, Tomiko Yamakawa, Mei Yuan, Franco Zeffirelli, Zeno, You, Me. It is impossible to imagine a world without these people. Pride is about celebrating what has come before and where we can go from here. Peace, Love and Happy Pride :)

THE HOSPITAL STORY

For more on the continuing story about anti-discrimination and benefits in area Hospitals, see Trish Sullivan's column on page 7. **TS**

Dear WTA, For months I've seen an ad in the gay male part of the ISOs (In Search Of) of the Morning Call that says, "...area PM, enjoy Greek and French restaurants. If interested call..." Maybe I'm an old timer but in gay ISOs, Greek and French have a significance beyond -- ethnic restaurant. Do you think this person is using code? **Signed Wondering, Amused and Possibly Intrigued**

Dear W.A.P. I., We asked several worldly people in the community, who agree there is a " message" there. Frankly, in gay papers and even the Village Voice, Greek and French tend to mean anal and oral. We guess there is a possibility that the ISO writer doesn't know that, but since it is the only reference in his ad, and even the syntax is suggestive, we think you are right to assume he is trying to use code words. **LB**

Dear WTA: I had been boycotting Cracker Barrel Restaurant but have recently found out they have reversed their anti-gay policy. It might be a good idea to let the community know that Cracker Barrel has done the right thing. **Thanks, J.S.**

Dear J.S., Yes, Cracker Barrel did finally overturn their extremely discriminatory policy in December 2002. And we did actually cover it in the December 2002 issue of the Valley Free Press. But thanks for asking us to remind the community of their change. You also underscore the effort of the activists who worked so long to make positive change at the restaurant. Here's to them, and thanks to you for your reminder. **LB**

Dear WTA, A question for you. Do online petitions really do anything? I have been told that they really don't. What is your opinion? **Steve**

Dear Steve, On-line petitions don't work. Because they are so easy to fake or slant, elected officials and businesses don't take them seriously. Letters to the editor do work, so does writing a snail mail letter directly to someone. Even direct personal email or faxes to your elected representative has an effect (even more if you actually have a voting record), but you must sign your full name and address. **LB**

Dear WTA, A month ago I saw a big Travel Agency Ad on the back page of the Morning Call. All sorts of trips and excursions were mentioned. At the bottom of the page one said: All Gay Cruises. Do you think that was a misprint and was really supposed to say All **DAY** Cruises? **Signed: This Sounds Fun**

Dear T.S.F. That was a Liberty Travel Ad and the cruise company that was listed was Atlantis -- which is a gay cruise line. We called Liberty and they do book Atlantis All GAY cruises. They didn't know however, that Atlantis is a cruise line only for gay men. I asked them if they had heard of Olivia Cruises (for lesbians). They hadn't. **LB**

WHAT SHALL WE DO?-- SOME ANSWERS

Recently, several not-for-profit organizations have asked VFP to carry their event information. Before we do so, we always ask that the organization sign on to the anti-discrimination statement on the VFP back page. All groups that are included in this paper must be supportive of GLBT equal rights. So here's the question for VFP readers. What should we do about an organization that says it supports GLBT rights but is part of a larger organization that does not support GLBT rights?

Here's the situation: The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF) has asked to be listed in the VFP to promote their events.

SCOTT SAYS

By Scott Laubner

AT THE VIDEO STORE

A well intentioned friend told me if you really want to get a man, go to Show Stopper video. He said you can rent or buy, and you can get videos too. As my Fridays have been spent watching the grass grow (and even with the bountiful rain these past two months it is still quite boring) I thought, what the heck I'll go.

I drove over to Show Stopper video and went into the store. I walked down aisles marked "Thriller," "Horror," "Drama," and "Foreign." This would be a lot easier if there was an aisle marked "Single Gay Men." Could I detect who was gay from their movie choices? A blond strode past me with his arms full of videos. He was carrying Pillow Talk, Mommie Dearest and Spartacus. I thought to myself this guy obviously prefers "snails to oysters. It is just a matter of taste." Then he pulled Eight Legged Freaks from the shelf and I continued my search.

A striking brunet walked past me. He held in his hands, The Crying Game, Valley of the Dolls, and Funny Girl. As he paused to ponder his next selection I looked at him and thought "Hello Gawgeous." Then he pulled out Speed II: Cruise Control. This person was obviously an idiot and I moved on.

A redhead grabbed Xanadu and Hairspray off the shelves. At the same time we reached for the last copy of Fame. In a tug of war over the video we held onto our respective sides of it. I looked him in the eye and thought "You want Fame? Well Fame costs, and here's where you start paying in sweat." With a burst of strength he wrenched it out of my hands and walked away to the check out counter.

I chose another video and went home. Me, and An Officer and A Gentleman would be as close as I was going to get to a Ménage a trois that evening. Chipmunk Readers, Happy Pride Month!!

WTA CONTINUED

The contact person has told us that the PSF and its board are supportive of GLBT rights. But here's the problem, the PSF is wholly owned and supported by DeSales University. VFP reporters have spoken directly to representatives of DeSales who have made it clear that DeSales is not only not supportive of GLBT rights. So What Do We DO?

Here's what some VFP readers have written in so far:

—I think it would be fabulous to see the PSF events in your publication. However, the question to the Board of PSF is more than "are you supportive of GLBT rights?" The question is what are you doing to progress the rights of the GLBT community?

Even as a fully owned and supported organization of DeSales, PSF should be raising the concerns of the GLBT community. And, if they cannot, perhaps they can do so through the material they present. Are they willing to take some sort of stance on behalf of GLBT rights? **M.R. Diaz**

—Haven't we learned our lesson from the Cradle of Liberty Boy Scouts? Subsidiary organization are never really autonomous. **EB**

—I believe you noted that PSF has a separate Board of Directors - which would imply it is an incorporated entity (even if it is wholly asubsidiary of the University). If that Board puts in writing that it supports GLBT rights, then I think you should treat them as any other legitimate entity that supports GLBT rights and put them on the backpage and let them announce their events.

This, of course, will cause major noise at the University, and if the PSF Board sticks to their position, it will give the University cause to ponder their position (I doubt that the University will change, but there will be sweat under some collars and angst in the Board Room). PSF is an important source of income and donors for DeSales. **Charles Versaggi**

—I don't see how you can separate the two groups. **EG**

LIZ OUT LOUD 7

By Liz Bradbury ©

NO EXCUSES

In the last two months the local community has experienced three separate tragic circumstances that left individual GLBT families desperately trying to hold their lives together. They involved the death or impairment of a partner, and the lack of appropriate legal documents to allow the surviving partner to avoid horrific financial circumstances.

Ask yourself right now -- If your life partner died tomorrow, would you get to keep the house, or would it go immediately to your partner's family because there is no will? If you are on the deed, how much tax would you have to pay to keep the house? Do you need life insurance? If your partner was in a car accident or had a stroke tomorrow, who would be in charge of making the decisions about your partner's care? Would it be you, or would it be one of your partner's family members, because you have no medical powers of attorney?

You say you haven't had time to make a will? You say you don't know a lawyer to go to to arrange for powers of attorney or estate planning? You say you haven't done any planning because you just don't know how to go about it? Those excuses are history. The Valley Free Press partnered with the Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley will present a free estate planning presentation with attorney Jerry Snyder on August 7 at MCCLV at 7 pm. This presentation is free and will be specifically tailored to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and Transgender community. Anyone in the community may attend. Call 610-432-5449 for information.

If you and your partner have kids together, have you made arrangements about their care? Do you have the documents? Who will be their legal guardians?

If you are single, have you made a will and arranged for what would happen to you if you could not make medical and financial decisions for yourself? If you have not, those decisions would be made by your parents or your siblings. Are they the ones you want to decide your financial and medical future? If you fall in love someday, will you know how to legally protect your partner?

What should you do? Where do you start? Come to a free estate planning presentation organized by Valley Free Press and MCCLV (see inset). It's time to learn all you can about providing legal protection for yourself, your partner and your family.

There is no catch to this, no one will try to sell you anything. This presentation is being offered to the community because VFP and MCC want everyone to do all they can to legally protect their rights. We cannot rely on mainstream laws that protect legally married couples, we must be aware of our rights and options and do all we can to plan for the future.

TRISH'S COLUMN

By Patricia Sullivan©

HOSPITALS: DO YOU HAVE A WRITTEN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT THAT INCLUDES SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY? DO YOU GIVE DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS?

I called Easton, Good Shepard, Lehigh Valley, Sacred Heart, and St. Luke's Hospitals to ask. One call as a prospective applicant (I am a licensed Physical Therapist) and then as a VFP reporter. Remember, neither the Federal (EEOC) law nor the Pennsylvania State Law includes protections for sexual orientation and gender identity. In the Lehigh Valley only Allentown has a municipal anti-discrimination ordinance of any kind. The Allentown ordinance includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

Not one of the people I spoke to at these area hospitals, (human resources officers, benefits managers and marketing personnel,) could answer my questions. Not one hospital representative volunteered that their hospital was in compliance with the Allentown Anti-discrimination Law, and some indicated that they did not even know the law existed. We had previously written that St. Luke's Hospital includes sexual orientation in their written anti-discrimination policy, yet not one other Allentown hospital has added sexual orientation in their written policies, even since the law was passed. None have gender identity.

As I researched this article it became clear that not enough people have asked their employers or prospective employers whether their employment policies include non-discrimination regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. Some of these representatives had to take several days to research this simple yes or no answer.

A business will never give domestic partnership benefits if they don't even bother to include us in their anti-discrimination policy. It is the employees who have to ask for equal treatment and benefits. Because if **you** don't ask, they think **you** just don't care. And that is exactly what I was told on more than one occasion. A representative at Easton hospital actually said to me, "We have employees of various 'sexual preferences' here, they don't feel discriminated against. No one has ever asked for domestic partner benefits. They do not care that they are not mentioned in the anti-discrimination policy because they are happy here."

These employers don't believe this is an issue. Well, it isn't their issue - it's yours. You can make change happen. But it is going to take a group of employees gathering together and making their concerns clear. Every one of us can begin by requesting that our employers include sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace non-discrimination policy. Starting especially with those in Allentown. Because not only do you as an employee need to see in writing that you are protected from discrimination, but every consciously or unconsciously homophobic supervisor or management person needs to see in writing that anti-GLBT discrimination will not be tolerated in the workplace.

Here is a summary of the responses from the five hospitals I called:

HOSPITAL	WRITTEN POLICY FOR ANTI DISCRIMINATION SEXUAL ORIENTATION	GENDER IDENTITY	GIVES DP BENEFITS	OTHER INFO
EASTON	NO	NO	NO	
GOOD SHEPARD	NO	NO	NO	In Allentown -- Allentown Anti-discriminaton law applies
LEHIGH VALLEY	NO	NO	NO	In Allentown -- Allentown Anti-discriminaton law applies
SACRED HEART	NO	NO	NO	In Allentown -- But as a Catholic Institution chooses to be exempt from local law
ST. LUKE S	YES	NO	NO	Sexual Orientation - in policy at all locations

POP QUIZ 8

1. Who said (in 1975) about bisexuality: "It immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night."? A. Bette Middler B. Woody Allen C. Richard Nixon D. Sonny Bono

2. According to 2000 US Census:___ gay male couples are raising children under the age of 18. A. 1 in 20 B. 1 in 10 C. 1 in 5 D. 1 in 3

3. According to the US Census:___ lesbian couples are raising children under the age of 18. A. 1 in 20 B. 1 in 10 C. 1 in 5 D. 1 in 3

4. The Philadelphia Boy Scouts Council established a "non-discrimination policy" just weeks ago in order to get United Way Funding. Just last week the same Council ____ for being openly gay
A. threw out a teenaged Boy Scout
B. fired a management person
C. fired a camp director
D. removed a troop leader

5. Rachel Stirling, who plays Nan King in the BBC's "Tipping the Velvet," is the real life daughter of:
A. Diana Rigg B. Vanessa Redgrave
C. Haley Mills D. Maggie Smith

6. Cartoon Artist Judd Winick, wrote a comic book story about his "Real World" roommate called:
A. Pedro & Me B. Amigos C. Jotas D. MTVHIV

7. Ellen DeGeneres's new HBO comedy special is called: A. Let's Review B. Deja Vu C. And I Do Have One D. Here & Now

8. The Grand Marshall of LV Pride's 2003 Parade is:

9. In 1993 291 US religious congregations listed themselves as "gay welcoming." How many say so now? A. 504 B. 799 C. 1003 D. 1567

10. Detroit MI presented Saddam Hussein the key to their city in: A. 1968 B. 1974 C. 1980 D. 1992

1.B 2.C 3.D 4.A 5.A 6.A 7.D
8.Allyson Hamm 9.D 10.C

QUOTE #6

"The myth of gay wealth has often been used as a rationale for holding back on protections and equality." **-- HRC representative commenting on a census based study that shows that men in same-sex couples typically earn less than other American married men.**

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To add your organization to this list, call 610-432-5449 or email VFP (liztrish@aol.com).

QUOTE #1

The statistics are here, including the decline in (boy) scout numbers from a peak of 6.5 million in 1972 to 3.3 million now. So to is confirmation that leaders at Boy Scouts of America's main offices see its future with the religious right, rather than the rest of the general population... Hence at least in part, the organization's decision to exclude gays. ...If anything could save (boy) scouting from itself, it's a boy like this; it makes you see the good in scouting and offers an outline for its healthier future. Ending discrimination is high on the list.
--From a review of "Scout's Honor,- A Father's Unlikely Foray Into the Woods," by Peter Applebome. About the Boys Scouts and his son's involvement.

QUOTE #2

"They are not living up to their own values, it's very clear they are being dishonest here. This was not the intention of the policy they signed." **-- Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights executive director Stacey Sobel pointing out that the Philadelphia BSA never had a written Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.**

QUOTE #3

"She said, 'I've just created a new character. You want to see some of it?' And it was the most bizarre thing. She sat in a seat next to me, and she left, and this other person came in. Her body changed, her hands, her arms, the way her face looked. I was actually frightened at first.
-- Craig Zadan, on the amazing skill of Lily Tomlin

QUOTE #4

One of the motivating factors in my decision to leave, were the comments of U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R-Pa.)
-- New Hampshire State Representative Cory Corbin on his switch from Republican to Democratic party

QUOTE #5

Lord our God and ruler....who didst commend the union of thy holy martyrs, Serge and Bacchus...do Thou vouchsafe unto these thy servants grace to love one another and abide unhated and not a cause of scandal all the days of their lives... **-- Thirteenth century Greek Order for Solemnization of Same-Sex Union**

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